

Declaration, Power of Attorney, and Petition

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:
SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING REINFORCED, THREE-ZONE MICROPOROUS MEMBRANE, the specification of which (*check one*)

☐ is attached hereto; or

☒ was filed on March 9, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/522,452; was amended on _____ (if applicable); or

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☐ was described and claimed in International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and that it contains a full, clear, concise and exact description of the subject matter for which a patent is sought.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

Prior Application(s)

☐ (Check if applicable) I/We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119, by checking the box(es) below, any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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